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*Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from Cuban and South American ports.*

BALTIMORE, MD., October 20, 1900.

SIR: I have to report the arrival of the vessels mentioned below at this port for the week ended this day, from the ports named: October 15, British steamship *Benwick*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, iron ore; British steamship *Alabama*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, iron ore. October 17, British steamship *Brookline*, from Bocas del Toro, Colombia, fruit. October 18, British steamship *Straits of Dover*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, iron ore; American schooner *Donna Christina*, from Havana, light. October 20, British steamship *Cluden*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, iron ore.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,  
Collector.

## REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*El Paso, Tex., October 13, 1900—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to report the following summary of work at this station during the week ended October 13, 1900: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passenger trains, 181 persons; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad trains, 44 persons; disinfection of Mexican immigrants' blankets, bedding, etc., 38 pieces; disinfection of cattle hides from Mexico, 412; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry work, 452 pieces. Four passengers arrived on the Mexican Central Railroad from Vera Cruz, Mexico, but they have been waiting at the City of Mexico for the quarantine limit of ten days to expire. Having no certificate of disinfection, for security I have disinfected their trunks.

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Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Laredo, Tex., October 15—Inspection service.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended October 13, 1900: Persons inspected and passed at international foot and tramway bridge, 2,648; persons on Mexican National Railroad, inspected and passed, 368; Mexican immigrants inspected and passed, 23; Italian immigrants inspected and passed, 17; immigrants vaccinated, 3. October 7, detained 3 persons to complete necessary period from Orizaba, Mexico. Baggage disinfected October 11; detained 1 person from Tampico and disinfected baggage.

*Rumor of yellow fever at Tampico denied.*—Referring to my letter of October 5, 1900, yellow fever is denied to exist at Tampico, Mexico, at present. The placing of an inspection quarantine at Victoria, Mexico, between Tampico and Monterey by Monterey health authorities has been confirmed. Through trains from Tampico are not allowed to run to Monterey. Crews and passengers are changed and transferred at Victoria, Mexico, under supervision of Monterey quarantine inspectors.

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